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SUBJECT: SINGAPORE VIEWS ON ASEAN POLITICAL RELATIONS AND BRUNEI

1. SENIOR MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, LEE KHOON CHOY, INFORMED AMBASSADOR MAY 29 THAT HE PLANS TO GO TO INDONESIA SHORTLY TO PREPARE FOR MID-JUNE SUHARTO-LEE KUAN YEW TALKS. DURING THE AMBASSADOR'S FAREWELL CALL, LEE KHOON CHOY SAID GOS IS ANXIOUS THAT THE TALKS BE A SUCCESS, AND HE IS BEING SENT TO MEET SUHARTO AND FIND OUT HIS FRAME OF MIND, AND WHAT ISSUES ARE OCCUPYING HIS ATTENTION SO THAT PRIME MINISTER LEE CAN BE FULLY BRIEFED BEFORE THE TALKS. (THE PRESENT SINGAPOREAN AMBASSADOR TO JAKARTA, OTHMAN BIN WOK, IS APPARENTLY NOT CONSIDERED TO BE VERY EFFECTIVE, AND SO K.C. LEE, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO JAKARTA AND HIGHLY RESPECTED THERE, IS EVIDENTLY BEING ENTRUSTED WITH THIS SENSITIVE MISSION.)

2. LEE ALSO COMMENTED ON THE RECENT TALKS BETWEEN
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SUHARTO AND MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER HUSSEIN ONN, NOTING THAT BRUNEI AND THE SITUATION IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES WERE DISCUSSED. ACCORDING TO LEE, INDONESIA IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE MALAYSIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD BRUNEI, AND DOES NOT WANT TO SEE AN EAST TIMOR TYPE SITUATION DEVELOP THERE. LEE COMMENTED THAT IF FORMER MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER TUN RAZAK WERE STILL AROUND, THE MALAYSIANS WOULD PROBABLY

MOVE IN AS THE BRITISH MOVE OUT. HAVING BEEN BADLY BURNED
ITSELF IN EAST TIMOR, INDONESIA DOES NOT WANT TO SEE A
SIMILAR SITUATION IN BRUNEI, WHICH WOULD BRING TROUBLE IN
THE AREA. ACCORDING TO LEE, INDONESIA BELIEVES THAT THE
BEST SOLUTION IS FOR THE BRITISH TO KEEP THE GURKHAS IN
BRUNEI FOR THE INTERIM, AND EVENTUALLY, FOR BRUNEI TO
JOIN ASEAN AS AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY.

3. AS HAS BEEN REPORTED IN THE PRESS, INDONESIA AND
MALAYSIA HAVE CALLED FOR RENEWED NEGOTIATIONS TO END THE
DISPUTE IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES. LEE REMARKED TO THE
AMBASSADOR THAT IN THE OPINION OF THE GOS, THE PHILIPPINES
MADE A GROSS ERROR IN TRYING TO USE LIBYA AS A MEDIATOR
SINCE COLONEL QADHAFI IS ONE OF THE MAIN SUPPORTERS OF THE
MNLF.
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